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FOR THE USE THEREOF

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Respectfully submitted,

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### SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), Applicant hereby cites the following reference(s):

#### U.S. Patent Documents

DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	NAME
5,002,048	03/1991	Makiej, Jr.
US 2005/0217667 A1	10/2005	Dhuper et al.

#### Foreign Patent Documents

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CA 2 210 721	07/1996	Canada
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CA 2 354 561	06/2000	Canada
CA 2 424 731	10/2004	Canada
CA 2 493 078	02/2004	Canada
CA 2 515 593	08/2004	Canada
EP 0 281 650 A1	09/1988	Europe

#### Other Art Documents

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Written Opinion in International Application No. PCT/IB2006/001027, dated September 21, 2006, 8 pages.
International Search Report in International Application No. PCT/IB2006/001027, dated September 21, 2006, 6 pages.

Applicant is enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). Pursuant to the undersigned attorney's obligation and duties under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.98(a)(3) and (c), English language abstracts have been provided, where the original publications are not in English, for the express purpose of providing a concise explanation of the references to the Patent and Trademark Office with the opportunity to evaluate the same.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

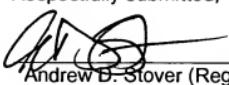
By submitting this Statement, Applicant is attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

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Respectfully submitted,

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